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Meeting 3667 – 16 June 2009

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",
176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3667
Date	16 June 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Don Thorpe
Chairperson	Stephen Baker
Sergeant	Bob Mullins
Visiting Rotarians	Peter O'Neill (RC Adelaide – Real Estate), George Sinclair (RC Adelaide Parks – Picture Framing)
Guests	Joylene & Graham Sampson, Jenn Casburn
Apologies	Anne Wehr, Chandra Sluggett, Geoff Hill, Janet Singh, John Peacham, Natalie Bowen, Neesha Nandasena
Make Ups	Anne Wehr (Thrift Shop), Chandra Sluggett (GSE Meeting), Geoff Hill (Thrift Shop), Janet Singh (Board Meetings x 2), Natalie Bowen (GSE Meeting)
Anniversaries	Inductions: Alex Jonson (18/6)
Departing Rotarians	Martin Cooper (Great Australian Bike Ride)

President's Announcements

1. A reminder that **Andy Hill** has taken on the role of managing attendance and attendance reporting and that **we are reintroducing the requirement on members to advise Andy by 5pm on Monday of any non-attendance for the following night's meeting or to advise if you are bringing extra guests. We will assume you are attending if not advised, please help us to get to the number accurately.**
2. I have made a tentative booking for the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club on Friday 26th June for a social dinner. They anticipate being able to provide three courses for \$30 approx in a private area. The social sheet will do the rounds, please advise if you would like to attend. Also a reminder this is voluntary and is just a chance to meet club members and partners less formally.
3. I would like to thank those members who took time to complete the club planning questionnaire. The 2009/10 Board met last Saturday and using the information from the questionnaire and the New Members input, have put together a vision and some goals for the coming three years, I hope to present the plan to the club early in the new Rotary year.

4. Bob Mullins and I met with the functions manager at Kooyonga Golf Club today and have finalised the arrangements for our Change Over on July 7th. We have elected to have the buffet again as this has previously been very successful. We will be in the newly built restaurant which has panoramic views across the golf course. Costs will be \$45 per head for a three course meal, excluding drinks.

Spots

Joan Reed is organising a table for the **Bali Bus Quiz Night** fundraiser on Saturday 20 June (see last week's Bulletin for details). If you would like to attend this event please contact Joan or Reno.

Over 70 **Entertainment Books** have been sold so far this year and there is a small number still in stock. Please let Joan or Jerry know ASAP if you would like to purchase a book in case additional books need to be ordered in.

Joan reminded members of the **Port Pirie Change Over Night** on Saturday 4 July. Please let Joan know if you are interested in attending.

Bob Laws asked if any Rotarians had "borrowed" two Rotary aprons from the Thrift Shop. Please let Bob know if you have.

The **Thrift Shop Volunteers Morning Tea** is set for 19 July. Rotarians can help by cooking/providing cakes and biscuits.

The **Thrift Shop is still in URGENT need of heavyweight plastic shopping bags.**

The **Thrift Shop closing time on Saturdays** has been moved back to 1.30pm because the shop where the keys are held closes at that time.

Reno Elms: On Friday 19 June the club is putting on another **barbeque for the residents of Aldridge Court**, Unley. Aldridge Court's barbeque will be used and the meat has been organised. Wendy Andrews and Joan Reed offered to make salads. Reno invited all members to come along and participate in the event.

Reno advised that Stephen Baker has confirmed that **Salvation Army General Eva Burrows** will be attending the celebrations for the Army's 150th Anniversary in Unley and will be a guest speaker at our Club on 27 October.

Bob Mullins asked if any member could do a swap with his Thrift Shop duty on the morning of Friday 19 June.

Sergeant's Session

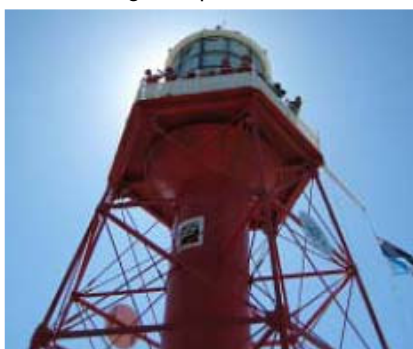
Sergeant Bob Laws entertained and disciplined the troops once more. Stephen Westgarth won the Lucky Square and Anne Wehr won the wine.

Guest Speaker – Don Thorpe: “Building a Ketch for the Maritime Museum”

Introduction: Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Don Thorpe to speak on the subject of “building a Ketch for the south Australian Maritime Museum”. Don is a Foundation Member of the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay and an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Somerton Park. He was a plumber for 50 years. He has had a number of passions including going on four wheel drive trips around our country with groups of friends (recently looking for water in the Darling River), sailing (he has been the Commodore of the Glenelg Sailing Club) and maritime history (he was one of the original volunteers at the Maritime Museum). Don became a volunteer at the Museum in 1984 and the Museum opened in 1986; Don was involved as a volunteer for almost 10 years.

Don Thorpe: The first display of the new South Australian Maritime Museum was the lighthouse erected on the wharf at Port Adelaide. Up until then the developers of the Museum were not liked at all by the people of Port Adelaide; the Director was a teacher from Victoria, Don was a plumber, the Curator was a librarian and the Designer was a window dresser. But when they got the lighthouse up and the Queen came and opened it, they were suddenly popular and started to get help.

After they finished the lighthouse Dr Kevin Fewster, the 28 year old Director of the Maritime Museum, spent time moving around the Port and found that all that the people wanted to talk about was ketches. So many of the stories he heard of the life of the Port revolved around ketches, like how cats were put into the holds of ketches the night before sailing to get rid of the rats. So Ian decided he wanted a ketch in the Museum.



The lighthouse at Port Adelaide

The Museum had been given the old Ferguson bulk store, one half of which was original while the interior of other half had been considerably changed and so he could do what he liked with that section, and there is where he wanted to put the ketch. Don was the Museum's Development Officer and Volunteer Coordinator, so he was sent around South Australia looking for a ketch 68' long that would fit into the building. The only ketch to be found in SA was the Annie Watt, which had been broken up and was too big anyway. There was another boat still trading to Flinders Island in Victoria, but it no longer even looked like a ketch. So they couldn't find a ketch anywhere.

By a stroke of luck Neil Cormack, a Surveyor in the Harbours Board, wandered into the Museum one day and was told about the Museum's desire for a 68' ketch for display. He returned a few days later to report that there was indeed a 68' ketch in Port Adelaide, the old Active II, but it was broken up and buried by the old Clubhouse Hotel. Don and his Museum colleagues didn't like the idea of digging up a boat, so Neil suggested that they build a ketch.

Don had told the Museum that he had built boats, but didn't tell them it was only his kids' old Baths Trainer. Dr Fewster said that, as it was on his resume, Don had to build the ketch. But how to do it, where would they get the wood? The Huon pine used in the original boats couldn't be obtained from Tasmania any more. Nevertheless work began on lofting the hull and the team began looking for help with the boat building and with materials. Not many people wanted to help, but Dr Fewster was a great scrounger and spoke to South Australian softwood suppliers who suggested that, as the boat was never going in the water they could supply Mount Gambier teak (i.e. *pinus radiata*). Dr Fewster also approached the Federal Government for staffing help and was offered 12 employees on a work scheme, two of whom could be out of work shipwrights. Through a bit of luck they were

referred to Jack Gardner, a local shipwright who did casual stints at many of the local boatyards.

Jack was a “mad” wood enthusiast who was on the Apprenticeship Board for shipwrights and was worried about the loss of skills with hand tools. Jack said he would build the ketch but only if it was done with all hand tools; to which the Museum readily agreed. Then they found another shipwright named Tino Brackenbridge, who had built wooden boats in the Greek islands. But the other 10 had to be half girls and half boys who had either never been employed or had been unemployed for two years; the Museum had to agree to that but got the right to sack. Unfortunately the 10 were not very productive at all.

Jack and Tino went to work straightaway at Porters Boat Yard, which had a lofting floor (where a boat's keel and ribs are laid and fixed in place). Back at the Museum the old cellars were dug out ready to take the hull of the ketch. In the meantime Dr Fewster, who had a flair for getting things done and for getting publicity, sent out notices to all the TV stations inviting them to the laying of the keel of the first ketch to be built in SA in 100 years. Suddenly the people in Port Adelaide who previously had been disinterested turned up with gaffs for mainsheets, pulley blocks, a boom, a jib and a piece of chain. A retired police sergeant recalled seeing the helm of the Active II in the shed of a “person of interest” and was able to obtain it at no cost.



The replica of the Active II

By leaving the loft door open so the local people could see what was going on inside, which created more interest. Barbara Hardy turned up and offered to pay the cost of rigging the boat. She wanted to do this to commemorate the life of her father who had established and run a business in Port Adelaide. Another man came in on to ask if the boat being built was a replica of the Active, which had been his father's boat and on which he had worked as a boy. Quentin the designer sat with him while he described in detail the design of the boat, the position and size of the galley, cabins and water tank, etc.

No original spruce masts were available so new masts were made by Jack Gardner, still by hand, from glued together planks of Oregon shaped with adze and draw knife. The Shipwrights Union recorded all the details of making the masts.

Apprentices from the Shipwrights School came to help and to gain experience using hand tools to craft the masts. In accordance with tradition, two gold sovereigns provided by the Governor of Reserve Bank were placed under each mast, which got all the politicians involved.

The Painters and Dockers “procured” the paint. The rigging was made by hand by a local sail maker, Don Lucas, who insisted on using only traditional, non-synthetic materials.

The ketch was completed in 1986 in time for the SA Jubilee. ●



Stephen Baker(RP) thanked Don Thorpe (L)

Jerry's Jottings

Well almost the end of the Rotary year and many clubs are planning or undertaking their changeover. I hope to get invitations to our changeover on July 7th, out this week. Please put the date in the diary and think about introducing some friends to the club by bringing them as guests.

What a great speaker **Don Thorpe** was and an interesting topic for the evening. Many may not know that this week's speaker was the last arranged by **Bob Mullins** who has put a lot of work into making sure that we have an enviable array of interesting topics to keep us enthralled. Just to show that he did one hell of a job, it has taken three people to replace him with our new committee made up of **Stephen Baker**, **Martin Cooper** and **Heather Kilsby**, I know that we will continue to have good speakers. I would however like to thank **Bob**, on behalf of the club for his commitment.

I would also like to wish **Martin & Angie Cooper** well, as they start their time away from the club on the Great Australian Bike Ride. Have a great time and keep us posted.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Saiful Islam & Mahbub Rahman: "Bengali Information Night"	Bob Mills	Bob Mullins	Janet Plumb & Janet Singh
30/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Robert Bentley: "The Great Australian Bike Ride"	Bob Mullins	Bob Laws	Janet Singh & Jim Newall
07/07/09	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Change Over Night	Neesha Nandasena	Bob Laws	Jim Newall & Joan Reed
14/07/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Mike Hawkins: Eastside Business Enterprise Centre	Jim Newall	TBA	Joan Reed & John Russell

Apologies To: Andy Hill by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or on 8271 5028 or 0403 910 161.

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Members are urged to diarise when they are required to serve and then they will be unlikely to overlook their rostered service duty.

Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
June	Saturday	20/06/09	Bali Bus Quiz Night 7 for 7.30pm	The Sauviter, Concordia College	Reno Elms
	Monday	22/06/09	Ladies Auxiliary at 11.00am	4/35 Bevington Road, Glenunga	Margaret Payne
	Friday	26/06/09	Social Night	Glenelg Life Saving Club	Jerry Casburn
	Tuesday	07/07/09	Change Over Night at 7.00pm TBC	Kooyonga Golf Club	Jerry Casburn

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: March-April 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
3	20/06/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	27/06/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	04/07/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	11/07/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary is on Monday 22 May at 11am at the home of Margaret Payne, 4/35 Bevington Road, Glenunga.

The Back Page

Power Tickets

Parked our car in Jetty Road, Largs North on Saturday afternoon. We had two (2) Port Power season tickets sitting on the dashboard.

Some bastard broke into the car and LEFT TWO MORE!

Birds and Bees

A little girl runs out to the backyard where her father is working, and asks him, "Daddy, what's sex?"

"OK," he thinks, "this day was bound to come, and I'm not going to let my little princess learn about sex from the streets."

So, he sits her down, and tells her all about the birds and the bees. He tells her about conception, sexual intercourse, sperms and eggs. He tells her about puberty, menstruation, erections and wet dreams.

Then she asks, "Daddy, what's a 'couple'?"

And he carries on, "A couple are the two people involved in sex, but this can also be two males or two females which we call homosexual," and he goes on to describe masturbation, oral sex, group sex, pornography, bondage and rape, paedophilia, etc.

The father finally asks, "So why did you want to know about 'a couple' and 'sex'?"

"Oh, Mummy said lunch would be ready in a couple of secs..."

Voted the Best Scottish Short Joke

A bloke walks into a Glasgow library and says to the prim librarian, 'Excuse me Miss, dey ye hiv ony books on suicide?'

To which she stops doing her tasks, looks at him over the top of her glasses and says, 'F... off, ye'll no bring it back!'

Quickies

I dialled a number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.



Three Kids fishing

Kevin Rudd was out jogging one morning along the harbour pathway near Kirribilli House in Sydney when he tripped, fell down a bank and landed in the water below. Before the security detail guys could get to him, three kids who were fishing pulled him out of the water.

He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted.

The first kid said, 'I want to go to Movie World in Queensland.'

Kevin said, 'No problem, I'll take you there on my special Prime Minister's airplane.'

The second kid said, 'I want a new pair of Speedo SHARK bathers.'

Kevin said, 'I'll get them for you, and even have Ian Thorpe sign them!'

The third kid said, 'I want a motorised wheelchair with a built-in TV and stereo headset!'

Kevin was a little perplexed by this and said, 'But you don't look like you're handicapped.'

The kid said, 'I will be after my Dad finds out I saved you from drowning!'

More Swine Flu Jokes

How did the pig go on holiday? The swine flu.

Swine flu isn't a problem for pigs, because they're all going to be cured anyway.

The first sign of pig flu is that you come out in nasty rashes.

Swine flu is getting serious; it has been reported to be a hamdemic, which may lead to an aporkolypse. But we'll get through. Where there's a swill there's a way.

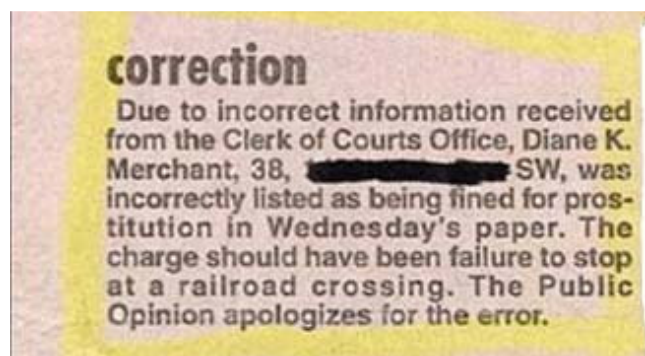
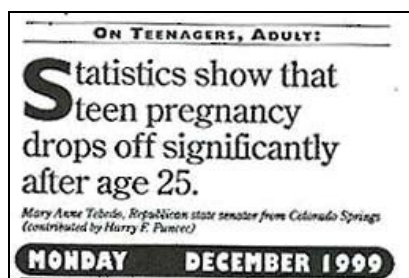
This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed at home,
This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy had influenza A virus subtype hemagglutinin protein 1 neuraminidase protein 1.

The only known cure for swine flu has been found to be the liberal application of oinkment.

My friend says he's got swine flu, but I think he's telling porkies.

I have to say, I'm finding all these jokes about swine flu pretty boaring.



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real